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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has evinced an interest in acquiring equity/tie-up with power firms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of orders received by BHEL during this year;

(d) whether BHEL has made any efforts to upgrade its technology through foreign collaboration; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. BHEL evinces interest in taking equity in power firms on selective basis with the objective of leveraging supply of its equipment and services.

BHEL has taken equity in Andhra Pradesh Gas Power Corporation LtdFurther, it has evinced interest in equity participation in the following power ventures:-

(i) BSES for Yamuna Nagar 2x250 MW coal based Thermal Power Plant.

(ii) IOC for Bhatinda Naptha based 150 MW Power Plant.

(iii) IOC for Savli 2x250 MW vacuum residue based power plant.

(c) During the current year, as at the end of Nov.,2000, BHEL has receivedorders worth Rs.3937 crores in the Power, Industry and Export business sectors.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. Technology up gradation is a continuous process in BHEL.Some of the major agreements entered in the recent past are given below:

(i) Once through boilers (sub-critical and super-critical range) with M/s. Babcock Borsig Power GmbH, Germany

(ii) Fabric filters with M/s. Rothe Mulle, Germany.

(iii) New Generation Control & Instrumentation System with M/s. Max Controls Inc., USA.